

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 144  
By Rinks

A RESOLUTION To designate a segment of U.S. Highway 64 in Hardin County as the "Jones W. Blount Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, From time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, No Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Jones W. Blount, who spent his entire life engaged in the profession of road construction; and

WHEREAS, Jones W. Blount began his employment with the Hardin County Quarterly Court as a teenager, helping to build some of the first roads in the County in the 1920s; in the 1930s he worked for the Tennessee Highway Department, building and maintaining State Route 15 (now U.S. Highway 64) from Savannah to the Wayne County line; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blount was deservedly elected Hardin County Road Commissioner in 1974 at the age of 65 and served with distinction in this important position until 1986; and

WHEREAS, He dedicated more than 60 years of his adult life to working on, building, and maintaining roads and supervising road projects in Hardin County and the surrounding counties; he took great interest in the widening of Highway 46 while serving for many years on the committee dedicated to achieving this worthy objective; and

WHEREAS, Jones W. Blount was a lifelong member of the Olivet Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Hardin County has requested that a certain route be named to honor Mr. Blount, and this legislative body concurs with this proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the segment of U.S. Highway 64 from the eastern corporate limits of Savannah to the Hardin County-Wayne County line is hereby designated as the "Jones W. Blount Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to this distinguished gentleman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of U.S. Highway 64 as the "Jones W. Blount Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the designation "Jones W. Blount Memorial Highway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary and designatory purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county or municipality affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.